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Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 3, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$110.00 for the extension fee of one month. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees that may be due, other than issue fees, and/or to credit any overpayment in fees, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with the reference to our matter 29917-68773.

Previously presented claims are restated for the Examiner's convenience begin at page 2. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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